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Applicants:	Valade, Jr., et al.	Customer Code No.:	26799
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Title:	SECURITY TAG HAVING A LINEAR CLAMP		

RESPONSE

Mailstop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2005. Since this response is being filed within three months after the three-month shortened statutory period set for reply (i.e., on October 13, 2005), Applicants believe that a three month extension of time is required.

However, Applicants conditionally petition for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such has been inadvertently overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-1346 for any required fee.